Amendment to the Claims:

Listing of the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A rapid dissolving reinforcing filler composition for organic systems comprising an effective amount of surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides doped by aerosol with aluminum or salts thereof and having a hydrophobic surface, wherein the oxides are selected from the group consisting of SiO₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, B₂O₃, ZrO₂, In₂O₃, ZnO, Fe₂O₃, Nb₂O₅, V₂O₅, WO₃, SnO₂ and GeO₂, wherein the hydrophobic surface results from coating of the pyrogenic oxides with one or several compounds selected from the following groups:

- a) Organosilanes having either formula $(RO)_3Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or $(RO)_3Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$, wherein R = alkyl, and n = 1 20;
- b) Organosilanes having either formula R'_x (RO) $_y$ Si(C_nH_{2n+1}) or (RO) $_3$ Si(C_nH_{2n+1}), wherein

R = alkyl,

R' = alkyl,

R' = cycloalkyl

$$n = 1 - 20$$
,

$$x+y = 3$$
,

$$x = 1$$
 or 2, and

$$y = 1 \text{ or } 2;$$

c) Halogen organosilanes having either formula X_3 Si(C_nH_{2n+1}) or X_3 Si(C_nH_{2n-1}), wherein

$$X = Cl$$
 or Br, and

$$n = 1 - 20;$$

d) Halogen organosilanes having either formula X_2 (R') $Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or

$$X_2$$
 (R') $Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$, wherein

$$X = Cl \text{ or } Br$$

$$n = 1 - 20;$$

e) Halogen organosilanes having formula $X(R')_2 Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or

$$X(R')_2 Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$$
, wherein

$$X = Cl \text{ or } Br;$$

R' = alkyl or cycloalkyl, and

$$n = 1 - 20;$$

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f) Organosilanes having the formula (RO)<sub>3</sub>Si(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-R'
          R = alkyl,
          m = 0 or 1-20, and
         R' = methyl-, aryl-, -C_6H_5, substituted phenyl groups,
                    -C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>9</sub>, OCF<sub>2</sub>-CHF-CF<sub>3</sub>, -C<sub>6</sub>F<sub>13</sub>, -O-CF<sub>2</sub>-CHF<sub>2</sub>,
          -NH_2, =N_3, -SCN, -CH=CH_2, -NH-CH_2-CH_2-NH_2,
                    -N-(CH_2-CH_2-CH_2NH_2)_2,
          -OOC(CH_3)C = CH_2,
                    -OCH<sub>2</sub>-CH(O) CH<sub>2</sub>,
          -NH-CO-N-CO- (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>,
                    -NH-COO-CH<sub>3</sub>, -NH-COO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si(OR)<sub>3</sub>,
                    -SH or
          -NR'R'", wherein R' = alkyl, or aryl; R'' = H, alkyl, aryl; and R''' = H, alkyl, aryl,
benzyl, or C_2H_4N(R'''')_2, wherein R''''=H, or alkyl;
          g) Organosilanes having the formula (R'')<sub>x</sub> (RO)<sub>y</sub> Si(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-R', wherein
                    = alkyl or cycloalkyl,
         R"
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x+y = 2,

x = 1 or 2,

y = 1 or 2,

m = 0 or 1 to 20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

$$-NH_2$$
, $-N_3$, SCN, $-CH=CH_2$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-NH_2$,

$$-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$$
,

-OOC (
$$CH_3$$
) $C = CH_2$,

$$C_2H_4N(R'''')_2$$
, wherein $R''''=H$, or alkyl;

h) Halogen organosilanes having the formula X₃Si (CH₂)_m-R', wherein

$$X = Cl \text{ or } Br,$$

$$m = 0 \text{ or } 1 - 20,$$

R' = methyl-, aryl, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups

$$-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$$
,

-OOC (
$$CH_3$$
) $C = CH_2$,

$$-OCH_2-CH(O)CH_2$$
,

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-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>5</sub>,
-NH-COO-CH<sub>3</sub>, -NH-COO-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, -NH-(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Si(OR)<sub>3</sub>, or
-SH;
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i) Halogen organosilanes having the formula (R)X₂Si(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

$$X = Cl \text{ or } Br,$$

R = alkyl such as methyl-, ethyl-, or propyl-,

$$m = 0 \text{ or } 1 - 20, \text{ and }$$

R' = methyl-, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

$$-C_4F_9$$
, $-OCF_2$ -CHF-CF₃, $-C_6F_{13}$, $-O$ -CF₂-CHF₂,

-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,

$$-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$$
,

-OOC (
$$CH_3$$
) $C = CH_2$,

-NH-(CH₂)
$$_3$$
Si(OR) $_3$ or

-SH;

(j) Halogen organosilanes having the formula (R)₂X Si(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

$$X = Cl \text{ or } Br,$$

$$R = alkyl,$$

m = 0 or 1 - 20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,

-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,

 $-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$,

-OOC (CH_3) $C = CH_2$,

-OCH₂-CH(O) CH₂,

-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃ or

-SH;

(k) Silazanes having the formula

wherein R = alkyl, and

R' = alkyl or vinyl; or

(l) Cyclic polysiloxanes D 3, D 4 or D 5,

where 1) D3 has the formula:

2) D4 has the formula:

$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 Si O CH_3 H_3C O O CH_3 CH_3 CH_3 CH_3

m) Polysiloxanes or silicone oils having any one of the formula

,
$$Si(CH_3)_2OH$$
, $Si(CH_3)_2$ (OCH₃) or

$$Si(CH_3)_2$$
 (C_nH_{2n+1}), wherein n=1-20,

wherein,

$$R = alkyl, aryl, (CH2)n-NH2 or H,$$

R' = alkyl, aryl,
$$(CH_2)_n$$
-NH₂ or H,

R'' = alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_n$ -NH₂ or H,

R'''= alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_n$ -NH₂ or H.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): A method of producing the surface-modified oxides in accordance with claim 3, comprising placing pyrogenically produced oxides doped by aerosol in a suitable mixing container, spraying the oxides with water and/or acid and then spraying the oxides under intensive mixing with the surface-modification reagent or a mixture of several surface-modification reagents, wherein the surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides doped by aerosol and having a hydrophobic surface, wherein the oxides are selected from the group consisting of SiO₂, Al₂O₃, TiO₂, B₂O₃, ZrO₂, In₂O₃, ZnO, Fe₂O₃, Nb₂O₅, V₂O₅, WO₃, SnO₂ and GeO₂, wherein the hydrophobic surface results from coating of the pyrogenic oxides with one or several compounds selected from the following groups:

a) Organosilanes having either formula $(RO)_3Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or $(RO)_3Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$, wherein

R = alkyl, and

n = 1 - 20;

b) Organosilanes having either formula R'_x (RO)_ySi(C_nH_{2n+1}) or (RO)₃Si(C_nH_{2n+1}), wherein

R = alkyl,

R' = alkyl,

R' = cycloalkyl

 $\underline{n=1-20},$

 $\underline{x+y} = 3$,

x = 1 or 2, and

y = 1 or 2;

c) Halogen organosilanes having either formula X_3 Si(C_nH_{2n+1}) or X_3 Si(C_nH_{2n-1}),

wherein

X = Cl or Br, and

 $\underline{n=1-20}$;

<u>d</u>) Halogen organosilanes having either formula X_2 (R') $Si(C_nH_{2n+1})$ or

 X_2 (R') Si(C_nH_{2n-1}), wherein

X = Cl or Br

R' = alkyl or cycloalkyl, and

n = 1 - 20;

e) Halogen organosilanes having formula X (R')₂ Si(C_nH_{2n+1}) or

 $X(R')_2 Si(C_nH_{2n-1})$, wherein

X = Cl or Br;

R' = alkyl or cycloalkyl, and

n = 1 - 20;

f) Organosilanes having the formula (RO)₃Si(CH₂)_m-R'

R = alkyl,

m = 0 or 1-20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

<u>-C₄F₉, OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,</u>

 $-NH_2$, $=N_3$, -SCN, $-CH=CH_2$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-NH_2$,

 $-N-(CH_2-CH_2-CH_2NH_2)_2$,

 $\underline{-OOC(CH_3)C = CH_2}$

 $-OCH_2-CH(O)$ CH_2 ,

-NH-CO-N-CO- (CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃,

-SH or

-NR'R''R''', wherein R' = alkyl, or aryl; R'' = H, alkyl, aryl; and R''' = H, alkyl, aryl,

benzyl, or $C_2H_4N(R'''')_2$, wherein R''''=H, or alkyl;

g) Organosilanes having the formula (R'')_x (RO)_y Si(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

R'' = alkyl or cycloalkyl,

x+y=2,

x = 1 or 2,

y = 1 or 2,

m = 0 or 1 to 20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,

 $-NH_2$, $-N_3$, SCN, $-CH=CH_2$, $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-NH_2$,

 $-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$,

 $-OOC (CH_3)C = CH_2$

 $-OCH_2-CH(O)$ CH_2 ,

-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃,

-SH or

-NR'R''', wherein R' = alkyl or aryl; R'' = H,

alkyl, or aryl; and R''' = H, alkyl, aryl, benzyl, or

 $\underline{C_2H_4N(R'''')_2}$, wherein R'''' = H, or alkyl;

h) Halogen organosilanes having the formula X₃Si (CH₂)_m-R', wherein

X = Cl or Br

m = 0 or 1 - 20,

R' = methyl-, aryl, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups

-<u>C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,</u>

-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,

 $-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$,

 $\underline{-OOC\ (CH_3)C} = \underline{CH_2},$

 $-OCH_2-CH(O)$ CH_2 ,

-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃, or -SH;

i) Halogen organosilanes having the formula (R)X₂Si(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

X = Cl or Br,

R = alkyl such as methyl-, ethyl-, or propyl-,

m = 0 or 1 - 20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

<u>-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,</u>

-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,

 $-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$,

 $-\underline{OOC} (\underline{CH_3})\underline{C} = \underline{CH_2},$

 $-OCH_2-CH(O) CH_2$

-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃,

 $-NH-(CH_2)_3Si(OR)_3$ or

<u>-SH;</u>

(j) Halogen organosilanes having the formula (R)₂X Si(CH₂)_m-R', wherein

X = Cl or Br,

R = alkyl,

m = 0 or 1 - 20, and

R' = methyl-, aryl-, $-C_6H_5$, substituted phenyl groups,

<u>-C₄F₉, -OCF₂-CHF-CF₃, -C₆F₁₃, -O-CF₂-CHF₂,</u>

-NH₂, -N₃, SCN, -CH=CH₂, -NH-CH₂-CH₂-NH₂,

 $-N-(CH_2-CH_2-NH_2)_2$,

 $\underline{-OOC\ (CH_3)C} = \underline{CH_2},$

 $-OCH_2-CH(O)$ CH_2 ,

-NH-CO-N-CO-(CH₂)₅,

-NH-COO-CH₃, -NH-COO-CH₂-CH₃, -NH-(CH₂)₃Si(OR)₃ or

<u>-SH;</u>

(k) Silazanes having the formula

$$\frac{R'R_2Si\text{-}N\text{-}SiR_2R'}{|}$$

$$\underline{H}$$

wherein R = alkyl, and

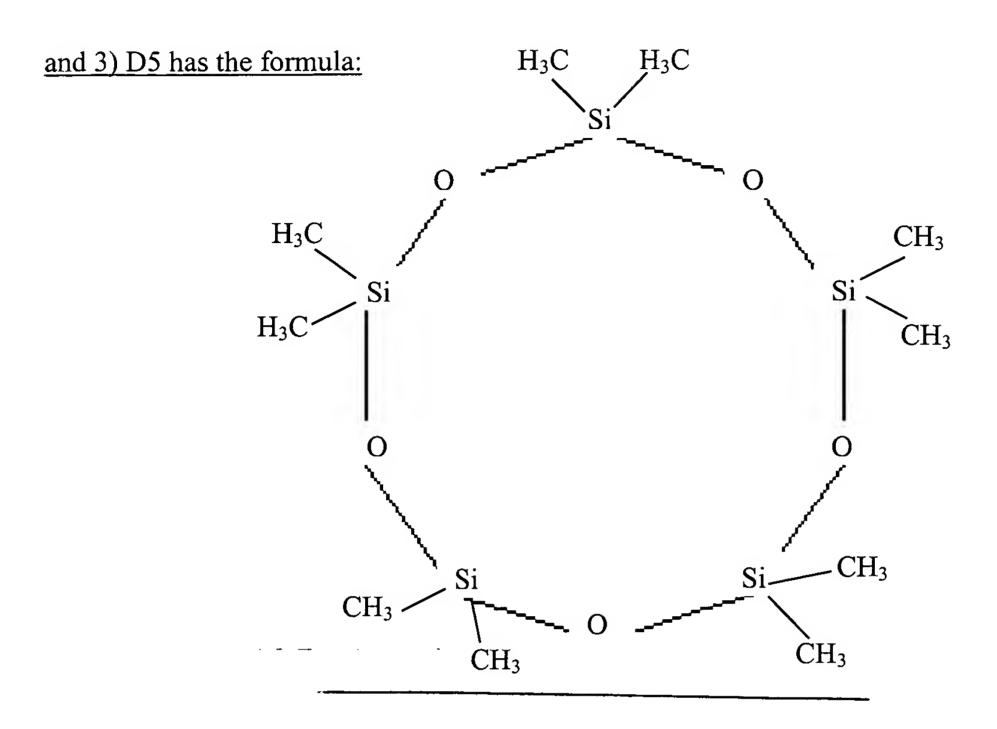
R' = alkyl or vinyl; or

(1) Cyclic polysiloxanes D 3, D 4 or D 5,

where 1) D3 has the formula:

2) D4 has the formula:

$$CH_3$$
 CH_3
 H_3C O O CH_3
 H_3C O O CH_3
 CH_3
 CH_3



m) Polysiloxanes or silicone oils having any one of the formula

, Si(CH₃)₂OH, Si(CH₃)₂ (OCH₃) or

 $\underline{\text{Si}(\text{CH}_3)_2}(\underline{\text{C}_n}\underline{\text{H}_{2n+1}})$, wherein n=1-20,

wherein,

 $R = alkyl, aryl, (CH_2)_n-NH_2 \text{ or } H$

R' = alkyl, aryl, (CH₂)_n-NH₂ or H,

R'' = alkyl, aryl, (CH₂)_n-NH₂ or H,

R'''= alkyl, aryl, $(CH_2)_n$ -NH₂ or H.

Claim 5 (Previously presented): In a reinforcing filler composition wherein the improvement comprises the surface-modified oxides according to claim 3 as reinforcing filler.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising re-mixing at 15 to 30 minutes and tempering at a temperature of 100 to 400 °C for a period of 1 to 6 hours.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The surface-modified, pyrogenically produced oxides according to claim 3 wherein the cyclic polysiloxanes is D 4.

Claims 9 -12 (Cancelled)